
CITY OF KELOWNA

MEMORANDUM

Date: February 23, 2009
To: City Manager
From: Advisory Committee on Community & Women's Issues
Subject: Appointment of New Committee Members

Report Prepared by: *Staff Liaison Corinne Boback*

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Council receive the report from the Advisory Committee on Community and Women's Issues dated February 23, 2009;

AND THAT Council appoint Mary-Ann Graham, Shannon Lavel and Dawn Wilkinson as members to the Advisory Committee on Community & Women's Issues;

AND THAT Council appoint Elizabeth Woods as the Chair of the Advisory Committee on Community & Women's Issues;

AND FURTHER THAT Council appoint Micki Smith as Vice Chair of the Advisory Committee on Community & Women's Issues.

BACKGROUND:

In May 2006 the Advisory Committee on Community & Women's Issues was formed with the objective to create a safer, healthier and more equitable Kelowna by advising Council on issues of importance to women, and by extension, the community. The committee was designed to have 12 representatives from the community at large and two Council members.

Currently the Committee has three vacant seats that need to be filled.

Mary-Ann Graham is an energetic local resident who has several years of experience being on related committees and a founding member of the community action towards children's health and the Crystal Meth Task Force. As well, Mary-Ann is the President of the Rutland Residents' Association, Director on the Uptown Rutland Business Association and Rutland Parks' Society and sits on the board for Crossroads and St. John Ambulance.

Shannon Lavell's enthusiasm, experience and wealth of knowledge will be a great asset to this committee as her interest to support the health and social function of children, women and families in the Okanagan is demonstrated in her outstanding resume. Shan currently works for CATCH, has 20 years of family counseling is a register nurse and holds a Masters degree in Counseling Psychology and is a Canadian Certified Counselor.



Dawn Wilkinson is a co-coordinator at the Community Information & Volunteer Centre at Kelowna Community Resources providing information about not-for-profit and government organizations serving the Central Okanagan. As well, Dawn has committee experience, chairs an advisory committee and is passionate about women's issues. Her education and experience would be an asset to this committee.

LEGAL/STATUTORY AUTHORITY:

S. 142 of *Community Charter*

LEGAL/STATUTORY PROCEDURAL REQUIREMENTS:

Council Procedure Bylaw No. 9200 and Council Committees Policy No. 285

Considerations that were not applicable to this report:

INTERNAL CIRCULATION TO:

EXISTING POLICY:

FINANCIAL/BUDGETARY CONSIDERATIONS:

PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS:

TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS:

EXTERNAL AGENCY/PUBLIC COMMENTS:

COMMUNICATIONS CONSIDERATIONS:

ALTERNATE RECOMMENDATION:

Submitted by:

for: Cornine Boback.
E. Woods, Chair

Approved for Inclusion:



R. Mayne, Director Corporate Services